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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1901.

The first year of the new cen-
tury is almost gone.

A merry Christmas to all, is
the wish of the New Enterprise
to its many readers.

The value of the cotton and
cotton seed produced in the
Southern States last year was
\$545,000,000.

A great many people, includ-
ing editors, will only get the
usual thing in their stockings
this morning.

It is said that Admiral Samp-
son is in a very low state of
health, and it is expected that
he will not live long.

It is reported that Secretary
of the Treasury Gage will short-
ly resign his portfolio to engage
in business in Chicago.

In the death of Col. B. B.
Blackwell, which occurred at
his home in Jasper last week,
Florida loses a good citizen.

Postmaster-General Emory
Smith has resigned his position,
and his place in the cabinet has
been filled by the appointment
of Hon Henry C Payne, of Wis-
consin.

The dividend of 8 per cent. re-
cently declared by the Standard
Oil Co., makes a total of 49 per
cent. for the year. In the past
ten years this great corporation
has earned 271 per cent. for its
stockholders.

The cruiser Olympia, Admiral
Dewey's flagship at the battle
of Manila, which has been un-
dergoing extensive repairs at
the Boston navy yard, has been
again placed in commission and
assigned to the North Atlantic
squadron. It will become the
flagship of Admiral Higginson.

In Mississippi the other day a
house was set on fire by an icicle.
The icicle, a big one, fell into an
open barrel of unslacked lime.
The chemical action that was
set up generated sufficient heat
to set the barrel on fire, and thus
the house was burned.—Savan-
nah News.

How many people have noticed
that no portrait of a man has
ever appeared on a United States
coin or the picture of a woman
on the postage stamps? An ob-
serving editor remarks on these
facts that they constitute the
reason why we lick the stamps
and squeeze the coin.—Gaines-
ville Sun.

The New Enterprise appears
a day earlier than usual this
week. Printers are human and
like the balance of mankind en-
joy an occasional holiday. For
this reason our paper is sent out
a day ahead that we may forget
for a brief season the cares and
worries of business and enjoy as
much as we may the festive sea-
son. The regular day of publi-
cation—Thursday—will be re-
sumed next week.

CHRISTMAS GREETING.
Again the joyous season of
Christmas is upon us—the sea-
son when "Peace on earth, good
will to all men" should reign
supreme in the human heart. It
is the day above all other days
of the year when self should
be forgotten and every thought
and effort should be directed for
the pleasure and happiness of
others. To many the day will
be fraught with tender remind-
ers of the Saviour whose birth
we celebrate, while to others it
will mean nothing more than a
season of revelry and mirth, dis-
sipation and reckless extrava-
gance. To the last we would
say remember the meaning of
the word Christmas. Remember
the story of the infant Jesus,
born in a lowly manger, and do
not forget that his purpose in
coming to earth, in living a hu-
man life even as we live it, was
for the benefit, the ultimate sal-
vation of mankind. It is not
meet that the birth of such a
man should be celebrated with
revelry and dissipation, but
rather with tender thoughts and
for the happiness of His chil-
dren. Try to bring a ray of sun-
shine into some desolate life.
Seek out the poor and the af-
flicted and minister unto their
wants. In this way will the
Christmas season be a time of
happiness and pleasure to all.

DEATH OF HON. B. B. BLACKWELL.

Hon. B. B. Blackwell, one of
the best known of Florida's pub-
lic men, died at his home in Jas-
per, Tuesday last at 1:45 p. m.
The deceased was born in Ham-
ilton county, Tenn., on April 30,
1852, but came to this State with
his parents at an early age, set-
tling in Hamilton county.

"Bish" Blackwell, as he was
familiarily called, was known
from one end of the State to the
other—having been prominent
in religious, business and politi-
cal affairs up to a few years ago.
He was one of the best lawyers
in Florida, a zealous Methodist,
and a financier without a peer.
He studied law under the late
Judge John F. White, and was
admitted to the bar on his 21st
birthday. Early in the 80s he
was appointed State's Attorney
for this circuit, but resigned to
go to the Legislature from Ham-
ilton county. He was reap-
pointed after his term as legis-
lator expired, and held the po-
sition until 1887, when he again
resigned to accept the senator-
ship from Suwannee county.
After this he retired from active
politics on account of his health
and devoted his time to the

banks at Jasper and Live Oak—
owning the one at the first
named place and being president
of the one at the other.

On Jan. 8, 1874, he married
Miss Ella M. Stewart, daughter
of the late Judge Henry J.
Stewart, of Jasper, and a sister
of Mrs. L. E. Roberson, of this
city. By this union there was
born the following children:
Mrs. Jos. S. White, Charlton D.,
Misses Mabel and Lily, Bascom
B., John Lindsey and Floyd—
all of whom are alive.

In common with the people of
Florida, we extend our sincere
sympathies to the bereaved ones.
A good man has gone to his re-
ward.—Lake City Index.

THE REAL ISSUE.

The persistence with which
the attorneys of Sampson try to
get into the Schley case indi-
cates beyond all question that
the real issue in all of these
charges against Schley is this:
To whom is the credit due for
the naval victory at Santiago?

On that point the head of
navy, Admiral Dewey, and the
head of army, Gen. Miles have
spoken. Both say the credit is
due to Schley. Is there any bet-
ter authority? There is none.
The whole matter, therefore,
ought to be closed as speedily
as possible.

It is worthy of notice that
Gen. Miles was even more em-
phatic in expressing his opinion
in favor of Schley than was Ad-
miral Dewey. It is certain that
he would not have gone out of
his way to give such an opinion
to the public unless he was sat-
isfied beyond the question of a
doubt of its correctness.

It is rather remarkable that
so many of the Republican pa-
pers are Schley supporters. If
his case should be taken up by
Congress he would have a very
generous support from the Re-
publican press, besides having
pretty nearly, if not quite all of
the Democratic papers on his
side.—Savannah News.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

Below we give the complete
list of the appointments made
by the Florida Conference of the
Methodist church for the Talla-
hassee District:

J. B. Ley, presiding elder;
Tallahassee, W. E. H. Mabry;
Monticello, W. M. Poage; Leon
circuit, G. J. Kennelly; Quincy,
J. P. DePass; Gadsden circuit, J.
C. Pace; Wankeenah circuit, W.
J. Gray; Midway Mission, W. S.
McMannen; Concord circuit, I.
A. Vernon; Liberty Mission, to
be supplied by B. H. Freeman;
Alachua circuit, G. H. York;
Madison, J. A. Hendry; Madison
circuit, G. S. Roberts; Taylor
Mission, to be supplied by C. W.
Barnwell; Apalachicola, E. A.
Harrison; Carrabelle Mission, T.
M. White; Woodville Mission,
supplied by Austin.

SHOE SALE!
BEGINNING MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.

And to continue for thirty days, I will make
a special sale of Ladies', Men's and children's
Shoes at greatly reduced prices. My stock
is too heavy for this season's short crop, and
rather than carry them over I have made
this great cut price offer for a limited time.

Come early and snap up these
bargains.....

Remember the largest stock of
new shoes in Madison to select
from.....

.....Yours Respectfully.....
W. S. OVERSTREET.

VALUABLE
Place For sale
83 Acres—3 Acres Lake Front
40 Acres in Corporate Limits of Madison

The home of B. F. Moseley, situated on the crest of a hill over-
looking a beautiful fresh water lake, around which is an excellent drive, is
offered for sale.

There are 83 acres of land in the tract, 40 acres of which are within
the corporate limits the Town of Madison. The dwelling contains 5
rooms, is in good repair and is furnished with all necessary outbuildings.
acres of cleared land on which fine crops of Sea Island Cotton and
were made this year. The remaining 30 acres woodland.

The dwelling is within 300 yards of the Valdosta Southern Rail-
road Depot and is approached through a fine avenue of oaks.

On the place are 200 pecan trees, only a few now bearing the prod-
uct of which is worth from \$125 to \$150 per year. The entire 83 acres un-
der good fence.

The land in front of the house can be sub-divided into residence lots
overlooking the lake and town.

About 1/4 of a mile from St. Johns Seminary.

The beautiful and valuable place will be sold cheap to cash pur-
chaser. Title perfect.

For further particulars call on or address the owner.

B. F. MOSELEY, MADISON, FLORIDA.

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Clothing Sale

For thirty days from this date all the Clothing in my
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AT ACTUAL COST.
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My stock of Shoes will be reduced in the same man-
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